

U.S. Appln. No. 09/840,420
Reply to Office Action dated October 19, 2005

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 3, 5-10, 13, 15-17, 19 and 20 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 11, 12, 14, 18, and 21-25 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 3, 7, 13, and 17 are independent. Claims 3, 6, 7, 13, and 17 are hereby amended. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

The amendments to claims 3, 6, 7, 13, and 17 obviate the objections to claims 5, 6, 9, 10, 15, 16, 19, and 20.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,011,899 to Ohishi, et al.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

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“...wherein the time information includes dummy reference time information indicative of a reference time during output and time ratio information indicative of a time ratio of a real time to a transfer time, and

wherein the converting means calculates output time information from the dummy reference time information and the time ratio information...” (emphasis added)

As understood by Applicants, U.S. Patent No. 6,011,899 to Ohishi, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Ohishi”) relates to a packet recording/reproducing system.

Applicants submit that Ohishi does not disclose the above-recited features of claim 3.

Furthermore, Applicants note that the Office Action states that the above-recited features are not disclosed by prior art.

Therefore, claim 3 is patentable.

For reasons similar to those described above, independent claims 7, 13, and 17 are also believed to be patentable.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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